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Sing the song of great joy that the angels began,
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This year the true Christmas idea that it is more blessed to give than to receive seems to have penetrated the universal consciousness. Every body is up and doing for some body else. The children in the schools have been impressed with their responsibilities and have brought stores of clothing, books and toys to be given away. Sunday school scholars, instead of coming to the Christmas tree to receive presents will bring gifts for other children less favored by fortune and make at least one day in the year bright for them. While the poor will benefit in a material way, the donors will be benefitted infinitely more by the sacrifice of giving and the sense of their responsibility for the happiness of others.

A good many kind hearts in Tropico are planning Christmas comfort and cheer for the lonely or destitute. Christmas packages carrying friendly messages will go to the inmates of the County Farm, the County Hospital, the County Jail, and other institutions, besides the helps by the way which will be given nearer home.

What a big Christmas present to humanity it would be if the war would

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end next Monday under terms of peace equitable to all beligerants. No very Merry Christmas is possible when such a fiendish, desolating war is continuing its ruthless work of extermination and making Europe one vast graveyard. Surely, if ever there was urgent need for Christians to work and pray for peace on earth, good will to men, it is now.

TROPICO'S WATER

Last Monday afternoon a hearing was had before Harvey D. Loveland, State Railroad Commissioner, at his office in the Union League Building, Los Angeles, on the question of permitting an issue of stock and bonds for the purchase of Tropico's water system by The Tropico Water Company, represented by L. C. Brand, Arthur Campbell, A. F. Mooreland, and a few members of the original corporation who have retained their stock.

The capital stock of the reorganized company is \$50,000 divided into 500 shares, of which but three have been issued.

The city's water system is now owned by the Title Guaranty and Trust Company, which has agreed to sell to the Tropico Water Company for 497 shares of stock at \$90 a share (\$44,730) and fifty bonds of a face value of \$1000, at \$900 each, (\$45,000) or a total of \$89,730. The hearing was for the purpose of determining whether the company has security sufficient in its distributing plant and water rights to warrant such issues of stock and bonds. Testimony was introduced by the Title company and ten days was granted in which to produce additional data desired by the commissioner.

If this sale is effected, it will undoubtedly cause an increase in water rates to cover interest on an \$89,000 valuation. The Sentinel has been informed by a city official that the plant can still be purchased by the city, if immediate action is taken, for \$50,000; and this would mean a saving in water rates of probably 50 per cent. If the city's water supply goes into the hands of another private corporation at a doubled valuation, it will be hard lines for the residents and a material damage to the town in the discouragement it will give to investment in a municipality where water is so costly. Public spirited

citizens should get busy without delay and secure for Tropico the control of its water supply and distributing system. It is a matter vital to the life of the community and procrastination is no longer justifiable.

BANK MEETING

The annual meeting of the Stockholders of the First National Bank of Tropico, Tropico, California, will be held in its banking room on the 9th day of January, 1917, at 3 o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year.

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CHRISTMAS WORK BY THE ELKS

The Elks had a Christmas entertainment Monday evening at their headquarters on Broadway, a big Christmas tree with presents for which members paid liberally. The proceeds were added to the fund realized from their recent dramatic entertainment at the Palace Grand from which they realized about \$450. At this season of the year this charitable organization has to meet many calls. They ordinarily spend about \$150 a month and at Christmas that is increased. "Our policy," said one of the Elks in response to inquiries, "is to relieve first and investigate afterwards." He also stated that their benefactions, which are entirely private, never published to members even, cover cases of want in Tropico as well as Glendale, and that they have been forced to carry a burden which should be relieved at least in part by appropriations made by the City Councils of Glendale and Tropico. Mr. Stanley Frantz is responsible for the distribution of the relief which the Elks dispense.

W. R. C. CHRISTMAS GIFTS

All the old ladies in the Relief Corps Home at Evergreen near San Jose—there are twenty-three of them but they do not have to skidoo—are being remembered with a little Christmas packages by the O. P. Banks W. R. C. Only two of the old ladies are too feeble to open their packages themselves. The matron of honor, in point of age, is ninety-five.

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A Christmas wedding will be celebrated at the home of Mrs. Mary Carpi on South Glendale avenue. The contracting parties will be her son, James Carpi, and Miss Mary Moniot of this city. Father O'Neal will officiate and about forty guests, most of them relatives of the bride and groom, will witness the ceremony. There will be a few "outsiders" however, notable Mr. A. V. Handorf of Burbank and family, and his son A. V. Handorf and wife of Los Angeles, who were among the first friends made by the Carpi family when they settled here twenty-one years ago. W. W. Lane of Tropico, a special friend of the groom will also be a guest. Great preparations for the event have been made and it will be one of the most important social affairs of the month. The marriage will take place in the afternoon and the young people will depart the same night for a brief wedding trip. On their return they will be at home to their friends at 301 South Glendale avenue.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wallace Kimberly will entertain at a midday Christmas dinner, Mr. and Mrs. Woolsey of Glendale, Miss Johnson and Mr. Amsbary of Los Angeles, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Booth, and Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Sanders of Tropico. During the afternoon and evening the party will be augmented by about twenty Los Angeles guests, old neighbors of the Kimberly's on Howard street, who always spend Christmas night with them. Mr. and Mrs. Smith of Sacramento will also be guests.

CLUB PARTY

Members of the Thursday Afternoon club will be guests of the Program and Executive Committees at a Christmas entertainment and party this afternoon. They can bring their children and any one who has none can bring a child friend and be assured of a program that will please the small guest. The expense of the function is borne by the committees and does not come out of the club treasury, so they will probably be reckless and make it a delightful social affair.

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UNION HIGH NOTES

Last Friday evening the Rostrum of Union High was entertained with a practice debate between the members of the champion teams of Pasadena and those of Union High. Berna Martin and David Johnson, affirmatives, were pitted against Mr. Boggardus and Miss Lawstetter of Pasadena.

Samuel and Harland Durand, Glendale's negative team opposed Joseph Monroe and William Taylor of Santa Ana.

The judges were Miss Eggert of Union High, Mr. McConnell, an attorney of Los Angeles and four from U. S. C. Law School, viz., Messrs. Strang, Gotfriedson, Burke and Kuyurmyam. The affirmatives lost to Pasadena but the negatives won from Santa Ana. Berna Martin was the only orator who debated extemporaneously.

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The German class had a big Christmas celebration last week and each member in the class got a present. A fine musical program to which Richard Barry of Glendale contributed several piano numbers, was followed by refreshments which included German sausage, pretzels, German cakes, apples, etc.

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Another musical program was provided by the Girl's Federation League which had charge of Friday's Special Assembly. The orchestra and the glee clubs furnished the music and the hat was passed for the annual Christmas collection fund. As a special Christmas treat Mr. Moyse dismissed the students at 2 o'clock. The Girls have been collecting clothes, magazines, food, toys, etc., which they will distribute where they will do the most good just before Christmas.

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Mr. Vincente Salmacia, of the Glendale Music Company, was a guest at the Tuesday Assembly. He was accompanied by Mr. Coots, who is fresh from the laboratories of the Edison plant at Orange, New Jersey, where the Edison Diamond Disc phonographs are made. He explained to the students that the reason for the superiority of the Edison machines is found in the fact that they reproduce the overtones as well as the undertones, whereas most makes reproduce only the under tones. He stated that Edison had spent four years in per-

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Mrs. L. C. Pearce of Pasadena is spending a few days with Mrs. Harry Bowman.

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LOCAL HAPPENINGS

A Merry Christmas To All Of Our Readers

Mr. Oliver Logan has exchanged his interest in the block on San Fernando Road opposite the bank for the interest of his partner, Mr. Goetz, in the mercantile establishment in North Glendale with which Mr. Logan has been connected for a number of years.

The Pythian Sisters cleared about \$80 from their bazaar, supper and dance last week.

The Methodist Ladies Aid had a very successful bazaar and supper last week on San Fernando Road, clearing in the neighborhood of \$100.

The Round Table Girls had their Christmas party Tuesday evening at the home of Miss Blanche Shea on Brand Boulevard. The Christmas spirit has animated this as well as other Tropico organizations and the club has provided a Christmas for a needy Los Angeles family.

Colonel Thornton, well known in Tropico, and a prominent figure in its earlier history was in the city the early part of the week and expects to be here often during the winter. He has given up his residence in Bishop where he has a ranch and a bank and as he expressed it has "just sneaked back home." He will live in Los Angeles for a time on account of family reasons, but expects to eventually return to Tropico for his permanent home, and manifests great satisfaction in the prospect.

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Wooley moved to South Pasadena Monday and will entertain Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Bullis as dinner guests on Christmas.

Theodore Werve, father of the garage man on San Fernando Road, is impatiently awaiting the arrival of his wife to spend the winter with him at Hotel Tropico. He came from Wisconsin in the fall much crippled by rheumatism. He has completely recovered and declares he will never

spend another winter there while California is on the map.

The Hewett family is disappointed because William Hewett, the husband and father, who is an employee of the big publishing firm at Atascadero, will not be able to get away from there to come home for the holidays on account of the pressure of work.

About forty members of the Senior Class of Union High, and teachers, were delightfully entertained Thursday evening at the home of Helen Hardin in Eagle Rock.

Miss Carrie Stone will be a dinner guest Christmas eve at the home of Mrs. Johnson of Los Angeles.

Judge and Mrs. Lucius Shaw of Los Angeles were Sunday dinner guests at the home of their son, Hartley Shaw, on Park avenue.

DANCING PARTY

Miss Carrie Stone was hostess last Friday evening to a party of about eighteen young people given at the home of her parents on Eulalia street. Games and dancing furnished the diversions of the evening and dainty refreshments were served. Roses and ferns were effectively employed in decoration. The guest list included: Esther Schremp, Willard Bagham, William Johnson, Benjamin Hunchberger, Seymour Smith, Margaret Baulcher, Allen Smith, Ernestine Lyon, Ollen Wilson, Katherine Phillips, Tom Philips, Phyllis Adams, David Carmichael, Katherine Adams, Bob Burkhardt, Marjorie Imler, Madge Sherlock.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Webster entertained with a dinner party last Thursday evening. A red color scheme was carried out in candles, favors and floral decorations. The guest list included Mrs. Thomas Gaiher, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bowman

and Katherine Bowman.

Mrs. Schou of 309 North Central Avenue returned from Denver last week after an absence of about three months. She was much benefitted by the trip.

The High School dance to be given by the Junior Class at Masonic Temple December 29th will be a brilliant affair if all the details planned by the entertainment committees are carried out. About 200 invitations have been issued. The committee of arrangements consists of "Brick" Beach, Milton Brown, Margaret Gregg, Berna Martin and Melford Brown.

BIRTHDAY PARTY

A happy company of twenty-four little friends gathered at the home of Miss Geraldine Meagher of Tenth street on Saturday afternoon to help make the tenth birthday of this dear little girl one long to be remembered.

The house was beautifully adorned with Christmas decorations for the occasion. The dining room where a large table was spread with dainties for the guests was a regular bower of Christmas illumination. The Christmas tree was heavily laden with beautiful gifts from Geraldine's loving little friends.

Assisting the hostess were Miss Dorothy Carmack, Helen Hutton, Grace Lewis, Florence Crane.

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If so, telephone your name and address to Miss Dora Hewitt, 671 Gardena avenue, Home 3043 or to Miss Norma Wallace, 144 West Tropico avenue, Glendale 264-W, for particulars. The Junior League have a good time in store for all old people in Tropico on Friday, December 29. Autos will call for all unable to walk.

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QUIET WEDDING

A Christmas dinner party at which covers will be laid for about fifteen relatives at the home of Mrs. J. W. Heacock on Angelus avenue, will furnish a belated celebration of the recent marriage of her daughter Hazel E. Clark, to Cecil L. Chatovich, which took place December 14th at Santa Ana. The young people wished to avoid the trouble and fuss of a wedding so slipped away and were quietly wedded. They are making a temporary home with the bride's mother but expect to purchase one of their own and make their permanent residence in Tropico. Mr. Chatovich is a recent graduate in law but does not expect to make it his profession. He has sold out his ranch interests in Nevada and is looking around for an opening.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Gibbs from Corona have been spending a week with Mrs. Wallace of Tropico Avenue. The Wallace family will return the visit the 25th spending Christmas in Corona.

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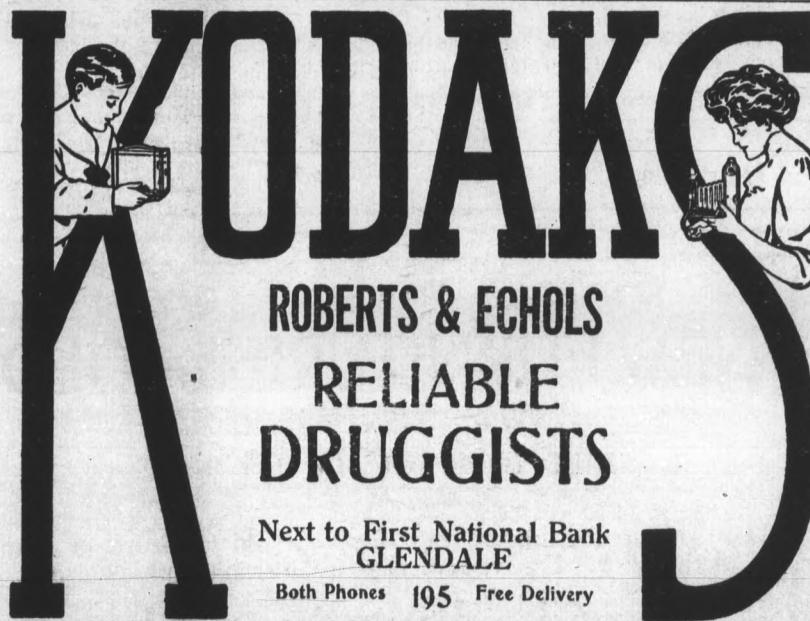
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DEATH OF WALTER D. EDWARDS

Walter D. Edwards, the seventeen-year-old boy who made such a brave fight for life, died at the home of his parents, 4140 Parkdale avenue last Thursday morning. Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at the Scovern-Letton-Frey parlors and interment was made in Forest Lawn cemetery. The courage and manliness of the boy won him many friends who share the grief of his parents and brothers.

LIBRARY NOTES

The library has just added a number of books which may help to keep the boys and girls busy during the Christmas holidays. They are: "What a girl can make and do," by the Bairds; "Collin's book of wireless," "Harper's electricity book for boys," and "Harper's beginning electricity."

The following Christmas books also have been added:

"Tommy Trot's visit to Santa Claus," "The night before Christmas," "Children's book of Christmas stories," "Little folks Christmas stories and plays," "Christmas in legend and story." Some other new juvenile books are: "Russia wonder tales," "Cradle tales of Hinduism," and "Jewish legends of the middle ages." Two volumes of Van Dyke's for older readers are "The other wise man," and "Music and other poems." "From alien to citizen," by Prof Steiner and "Woman and labor" by Olive Schreiner are finding much favor with those who enjoy solid reading, dealing with topics of the day. Two reports of interest just received are those of the "State capital planning commission," and of the Commissioner of Secondary Schools.

CHAS H. CUSHING,
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PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES

All members were present when the board of City Trustees convened Tuesday evening.

Tournament of Roses

Written communications read by the Clerk included an invitation from Pasadena to the city to participate in the Tournament of Roses, which was ordered placed on file.

Private Dairies

Applications for permits to operate small dairies were made by Mesdames M. J. Garvin and Mary Phillips and were referred to Health Officer Mabry for investigation and report.

Jitney Case

City Attorney Shaw reported that in the city's case against Smith for violation of the jitney ordinance, now in the Court of Appeals, written briefs or arguments had been required, that plaintiff was given five days to file brief or until December 20th, that he, Mr. Shaw, would have ten days to answer and the case would not come up in court before the early part of January.

The Tropico Stop

The attorney also submitted a written report relative to deeds conveying rights of way to the Pacific Electric railway and the stipulated stop at Tropico avenue; saying that he had examined three deeds and in only one (a deed from L. C. and Mary Brand to the Interurban Railway conveying a right of way between Tropico avenue and Cypress) is the Tropico stop mentioned. That deed, he said, contains a provision that all local cars shall stop at Tropico, but that it is a mere personal agreement between the parties thereto and could not be enforced by anyone else; also, that it has been held by the Superior Court that a stipulation of this kind is subject to regulation by the Railway Commission. In his opinion a stop within one block would probably be held to be within the terms of the deed. The report was accepted and ordered placed on file.

Contractor Dilatory

Engineer Wattles reported that Contractor Schelling is not prosecuting his work with sufficient diligence, that he is neither using enough men nor efficient machinery and that the delay is causing unnecessary expense to the tax payers, that on Hill street he is using a Fresno when he should either have a steam shovel or about ten teams. Mr. Seal confirmed Mr. Wattles' complaint and on motion of Henry the Clerk was instructed to write Mr. Schelling a remonstrance telling him that his time on Hill street will be limited to January 16th.

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Victor Court Complaints

Marshal Gould reported the abatement of the nuisance complained of at the last meeting in Victor Court. He also reported like conditions on a neighboring lot and was instructed to see that owners comply with the ordinance; and Health Officer Mabry was instructed to inspect the premises.

P. E. Station

Trustees Seal and Veselich, as a committee, reported favorably on the petition to request the P. E. Railway to build a station at Cypress and Brand and on motion of Seal, seconded by Henry, the Board voted to endorse the petition and forward it to the railway company, the clerk being instructed to include with the petition an extract from the minutes.

Cost of Inspection

A comparison of the cost of inspection covering all the street work done in Tropico, prepared by Engineer Wattles, was read by the clerk in part. It varied. On Cypress avenue the cost of inspection was 2.07 per cent of cost of construction, on Acacia between Glendale and Brand, 5.51 per cent, on Palmer 3.19 per cent. It was agreed that the cost of inspection depended largely on the rapidity with which the contractor prosecuted the job.

P. E. Station Again

A letter from Paul Shoup to Mr. Davenport dated October 10, 1913, containing an agreement to build a station at Brand and Cypress under certain conditions, was read by the City Clerk.

Health Officer's Report

In his verbal report Health Officer Mabry reproached the Council for hasty action in ordering the immediate abatement of the Victor Court nuisance, as an unnecessary hardship on the rabbit owners, also stating that complaint had neither been made to him nor had he neglected the matter. He also said that the city would soon be in trouble with small dairies, which could not comply with the rigid requirement of the new dairy law, that if the law is not enforced the city will get into trouble with State authorities and if it is enforced it will be in trouble with local dairies. He was instructed to see that the law is obeyed.

Street Trees

President Peters reported that two men are now employed trimming pepper trees on Tropico streets but that it is a slow job.

John A. Logan asked for and was granted permission to remove three pepper trees at the corner of Cypress and Central.

Gas Wanted

Mr. George Mudgett addressed the Board relative to bringing pressure to induce the gas company to continue its mains a block further and serve the residents on his street. He spoke on behalf of Mr. Myers, a wealthy new comer, who has acquired the Reynolds property and proposes to make extensive improvements. He said

the property owners would cheerfully grant an easement for the laying of pipes. On motion of Trustee Seal the question was referred to the City Attorney to ascertain what the city could do in the matter.

Mutilated Streets

Engineer Wattles complained of the vandalism of the Water and Gas companies in tearing up newly laid streets to lay pipes, without permits or notification, and then indifferently replacing them. He cited an instance on Boynton street. The City Clerk was instructed to notify the Water Company to comply with the ordinance in opening streets and refilling and repairing same.

Robinson's Driveway

Trustee Henry reported a protest by Mr. Robinson against being required to remove the projecting approach to his driveway on Acacia, on the ground that without it he cannot drive in with his trucks. Mr. Henry was requested to ask him to reconstruct his driveway.

Kennel Ordinance

The dog kennel ordinance had its first regular reading. Trustee Veselich asked for more definite definition of what constitutes a kennel.

Larsen Claim

The Board took a recess of ten minutes to consider the Larsen claim and on returning to the Council Chamber allowed the following:

Demands

Puente Oil Co., for fire engine \$4.30; So. Cal. Gas Co., for city hall gas \$5.92.

An adjournment was made until last night at 7:30 when the Larsen claim was again considered.

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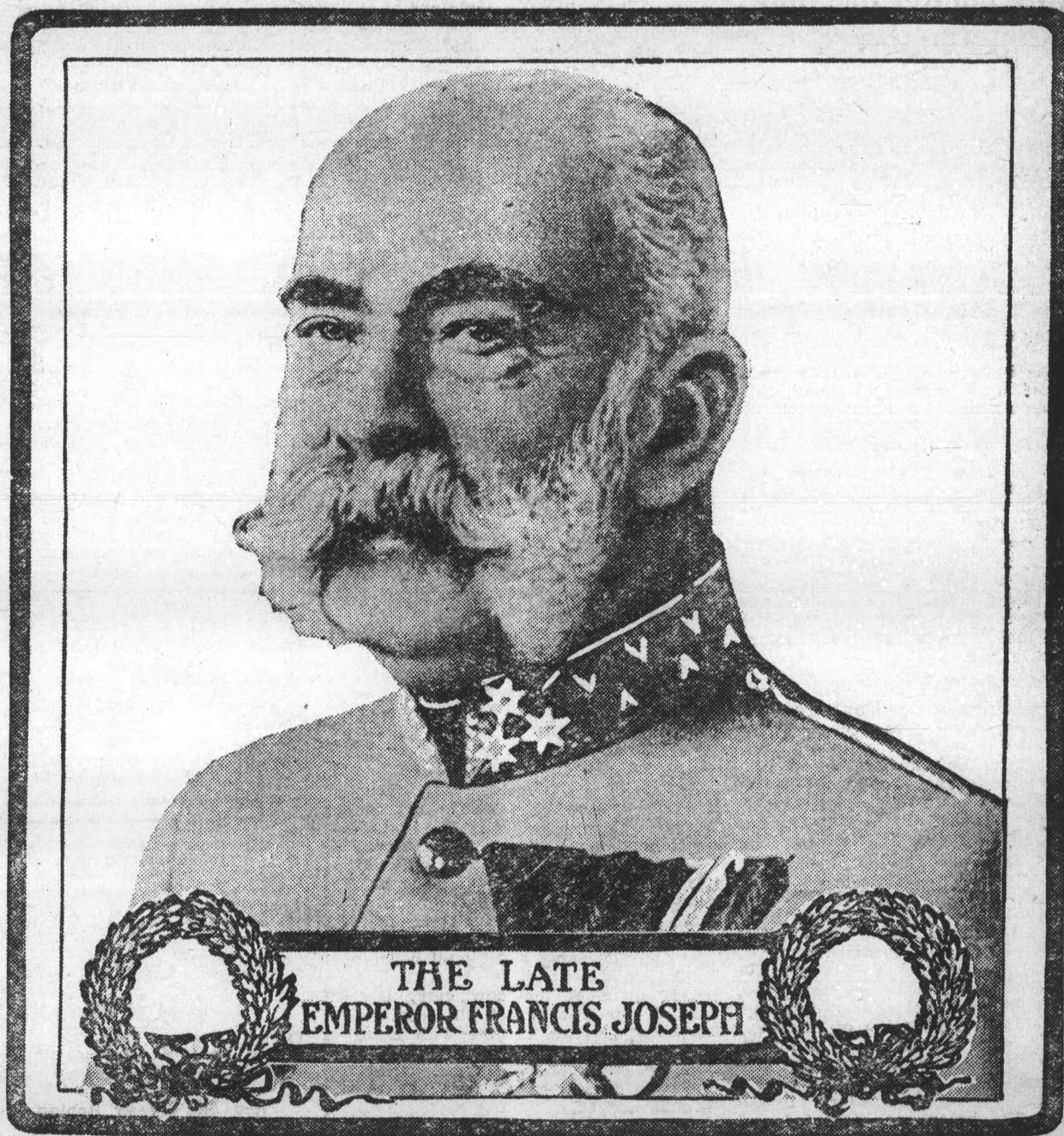
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of Austria, was the last Holy Roman emperor. Francis Joseph was no Owen Glendower, at whose birth "the front of heaven was full of fiery shapes," but the cannon which heralded his entrance into life had but lately been trained against the great Napoleon, and his cradle was rocked by storms which shook all Europe. The spirit of liberty was abroad, and it was not a propitious hour for princes to be born.

Discontent with the government was rife in Austria, the Italian provinces were filled with insurrection, and Hungary was clamoring for freedom. The popular movement grew as Francis Joseph grew. Metternich retreated be-

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fore the Austrian masses, and finally when the expulsion of Louis Philippe from France set all the shackled people of the continent to rattling their fetters in the face of royalty, the Emperor Ferdinand abdicated, and his nephew, Francis Joseph, whose father had resigned his imperial rights, climbed upon Austria's tottering throne, an emperor at eighteen, in 1848.

Inaugurated Important Reforms.

The young monarch's first step was to promise a free and constitutional government, but in this he was beyond his time. The course of events compelled him to close the national assembly he had called and assume absolute power. He centralized the governments of his heterogeneous nationalities at Vienna and inaugurated important fiscal and commercial reforms, which soon won him the favor of the Austrian middle classes. He effected a concordat with the pope which conciliated his Roman Catholic subjects. He put down the Hungarian revolt.

In 1859 he had to fight France for his Italian possessions, and after the disastrous defeat of Solferino, where he commanded in person with great bravery, he lost Milan and northern Lombardy. The Schleswig-Holstein dispute following the spoliation of Denmark involved him with France again and with Germany. Sadowa cost Austria Venetia and eliminated her from German politics. But these catastrophes ended Francis Joseph's foreign complications for the time and left him free to attend to his domestic difficulties. He succeeded in reconciling the almost irreconcilable interests of Austria and Hungary, consummated the compromise under which the dual kingdom is still governed and about which there has lately been so much talk, promulgated a most liberal constitution, and on June 8, 1867, was crowned king of Hungary at Pest-Oeden with great pomp and ceremony. From that time, though constantly the center of a political whirlpool, he ruled his eccentric empire as an animal tamer controls his menagerie, using alternately force and diplomacy.

Domestic Troubles.

His youth, so saddened by the losses of territory which his ancestors had owned for ages, was further embittered by the efforts of his political enemies to cause trouble between him and his beautiful young wife, the Princess Elizabeth of Bavaria. They did succeed finally in effecting a separation of the emperor and empress, but it was only temporary. Throughout his life the "curse of the Hapsburgs" in the form of domestic tragedy pursued the proud emperor of Austria as a hunter stalks his prey. From that terrible day when his brother Maximilian, deserted by Louis Napoleon, who had made him emperor of Mexico, was shot down like

a reion by the soldiers of Spain—and the Empress Carlotta came home a maniac Francis Joseph had been a man of sorrows, acquainted with grief. His cousin, the Archduke Salvator, ran off to sea, preferring the life of a common sailor to the exactions of the severest

court in Christendom, and never was heard of again. His only son, the Crown Prince Rudolph, committed suicide in 1889 as the result of an unfortunate love affair. Then came the crowning stroke of misfortune. The Empress Elizabeth, adored by high and low as the imperial embodiment of all the virtues, was assassinated by an anarchist during a visit to Switzerland. More recently the scandalous elopement of the crown princess of Saxony, who was an Austrian archduchess, reopened the emperor's heart wounds, and the assassination of his nephew and heir, Archduke Francis Ferdinand, with the morganatic wife of the latter, the Duchess of Hohenberg, broke him down completely.

Death of Maximilian.

The tragic death of Maximilian was the one incident in his sorrowful career that the emperor was unable to forgive. Francis Joseph ever regarded Mexico as his brother's murderer. His gratitude to those who had shown mercy or pity to the ill starred Maximilian was no less long lived. Every year—the emperor never forgot the date—a Mexican singer named Concha Mendez received a generous birthday gift from his majesty. With it went a note in the emperor's own hand expressing his grateful remembrance of the fact that when such a thing endangered her safety and almost her life she refused to ridicule the dead "emperor of Mexico." It was not long after the execution of Maximilian that Concha Mendez, the popular singer of the day, in the City of Mexico was asked to sing a song vilifying the late emperor and his unhappy spouse. Concha Mendez stopped short, and her black eyes flashed "No," she said: "I shall not decry the dead and the unhappy," then left the stage before the audience had recovered from the surprise.

Outlined in the glare of tragedy Francis Joseph stood out as the most interesting and pathetic figure of European royalty.

Assassination of the Archduke Francis Ferdinand and his morganatic wife, the Duchess of Hohenberg, at Sarajevo, Bosnia, was the fourth time death either by suicide, assassination or military execution struck at him. Beloved by his people, with a love which at times held Europe from desperate war, the seared heart of the octogenarian ruler held strength enough to stand up and say to all the world, This was a man."

Elizabeth, empress of Austria, assassinated Sept. 10, 1898, at Geneva by anarchist; wife.

Francis Ferdinand, crown prince, shot June 28, 1914, at Sarajevo with his wife; nephew.

Other misfortunes flowed from these almost without number, making the record of sorrow which marked the family of Francis Joseph one almost without parallel either in ancient or modern history. One chronicler likens the history of the family to that of the Julio Claudians of Rome, known for their crimes and misfortunes.

All of this train of disaster is laid by the people of Austria-Hungary to a curse laid on Francis Joseph soon after he took the throne as a youth facing the country torn with revolt. Francis Joseph, the story runs, refused pardon to a son of the Countess Karolyi, who was condemned for participating in the Kossuth revolt in 1848.

At the very feet of the emperor Countess Karolyi's curse was spoken. Death, she screamed, should never come to the ruler until every one of his nearest and dearest should die by violence or in shame and disgrace, their lives forgotten unless the obloquy they gathered should keep their memory green.

The Princess Elizabeth, daughter of the unlucky Rudolf and granddaughter of Francis Joseph, insisted upon marrying Prince Otto of Windisch-Graetz, a mediatised house. The marriage was much against the emperor's wishes, but he would not refuse his consent. After a few years of married life the princess, according to report current at the time, shot an actress to whom she found her husband paying attention.

A Democratic Ruler.

The head of one of the oldest reigning families and master of the most conventional of continental courts, Francis Joseph, while never relaxing his imperial dignity, was still the most democratic and kindest hearted of kings. Every year on Maundy Thursday the emperor showed his humility by following the example of Christ in washing the feet of his disciples. Twelve old men, paupers all, were brought to the palace on the Thursday before Easter, and the aged emperor personally served them with food and drink, then, attended by high military and church officials, proceeded to each old man in turn, wet his feet, dried them and dismissed them with gifts.

Stern but kind ruler of a turbulent realm, a king made human by suffering, with all his faults he deserves the eulogy Mark Antony pronounced over the corpse of Brutus, "The elements were so mixed in him that Nature might stand up and say to all the world, This was a man."

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